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HOGSETT ANNOUNCES MORE CHARGES IN EVANSVILLE FEDERAL GUN CASES

More Results in United States Attorney's Violent Crime Initiative

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Joseph H. Hogsett, United States Attorney, announced today that two individuals were charged with illegal possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, both of whom were arrested in Evansville. Hogsett declared, "if you are a convicted felon and carry a firearm in our neighborhoods and communities, you can be assured, when you are caught, federal prosecution is soon to follow."

Christopher Robinson, 45, Evansville, Ind., was charged with unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number, following an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives and the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department.

In June 2011, Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Deputies stopped a car in Moutoux Park in Evansville. Robinson was a passenger in the vehicle. When deputies spoke with Robinson, he indicated he was on parole. A search of Robinson revealed a .25 caliber handgun in his front pocket. The weapon also had an obliterated serial number, which is a separate federal violation.

In addition, James Miller, 41, Huntingburg, Ind., was charged with unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of a stolen firearm, following an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Dubois County Sheriff's Department and Jasper Police Department.

According to information from the indictment and criminal complaint, Miller allegedly stole a Colt .45 caliber semiautomatic handgun from a residence in Huntingburg, Ind. Miller was temporarily living with a friend who had a gun safe in the bedroom. After taking the gun from the safe, Miller attempted to sell the firearm at Deal Brothers, a federal firearms licensee in

Evansville. The owners of Deal Brothers alerted federal authorities. Miller has felony convictions for assisting a criminal and non-support of a dependent.

Information from the indictment and criminal complaint, alleges that Robinson has been convicted of numerous felony offenses, including robbery, conspiracy to deal methamphetamine, and dealing marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school.

Hogsett warned, “earlier this week, a federal grand jury sitting in Evansville indicted several individuals for their actions in connection with the shooting death of a police officer in Terre Haute. One of those indicted is alleged to have been a felon in possession. We take these charges very seriously, and our own Violent Crime Initiative has been very successful in targeting those individuals who illegally possess guns and other firearms.”

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Barry D. Glickman, who is prosecuting the cases for the government, Miller and Robinson both face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine if convicted. Initial hearings will be scheduled in Evansville, Indiana before a U.S. Magistrate Judge.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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